



**Office of the New York State
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**Letitia James
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Via e-mail

Chief of Police Joseph Cecile
Syracuse Police Department
511 S. State Street
Syracuse, NY 13202

Re: Executive Law § 75(5)(b) Referral of Police Officer Erik Heppeler
OAG Matter No. 1-818329918

Dear Chief Cecile,

I write in reference to your agency's March 11, 2025 referral of Police Officer Erik Heppeler pursuant to Executive Law § 75(5)(b). We are closing Officer Heppeler's referral on an administrative basis, without making a determination as to whether he engaged in a pattern or practice of misconduct, use of excessive force, or acts of dishonesty pursuant to § 75(5)(b), based on the understanding that he is no longer employed by your agency.

Please alert this office immediately if Officer Heppeler is still employed by your agency or is rehired in the future.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you,

Tyler Nims

Tyler Nims
Chief, Law Enforcement Misconduct Investigative Office